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SUBJECT: VISIT OF WILLIAM RASPBERRY TO SOUTH AFRICA

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1. WASHINGTON POST COLUMNIST WILLIAM RASPBERRY HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT HE AND MRS. RASPBERRY ARE DEPARTING FOR SOUTH AFRICA APRIL 16, ARRIVING JOHANNESBURG APRIL 18. RASPBERRY HAS ACCEPTED OFFER OF SOUTH AFRICAN FOUNDATION TO HELP IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS.

2. RASPBERRY'S ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

APRIL 19-22 JOHANNESBURG

APRIL 23-25 DURBAN

APRIL 26-29 CAPE TOWN

APRIL 30 - MAY 1 WINDHOEK

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MAY 1 OR 2 RETURN TO JOHANNESBURG

3. IN ADDITION TO BROAD RANGE OF CONTACTS WITH BLACK AND WHITE LEADERS ALREADY ARRANGED THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA FOUNDATION, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED SEVERAL ADDITIONAL NAMES. THESE INCLUDED SALLY MOTLANA, FATHER MKATSHWA, A BLACK STUDENT LEADER, A PROMINENT DEFENSE ATTORNEY,

FATIMA MEER, AND COLIN EGLIN. RASPBERRY ALSO VERY INTERESTED IN SPENDING SOME TIME, PERHAPS AN OVERNIGHT, WITH A FAMILY IN SOWETO AND HOPES TO SET THIS UP ON HIS OWN FOLLOWING ARRIVAL. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED HE MIGHT SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM BPAO JACOBSEN IN JOHANNESBURG AND POL COUN TAYLOR IN CAPE TOWN, LATTER ESPECIALLY IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT TO WINDHOEK.

4. RASPBERRY APPRECIATES AMBASSADOR'S WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH HIM DURING HIS CAPE TOWN VISIT. IF AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULE STILL PERMITS TIME FOR MEETING WITH RASPBERRY, SUGGEST DATE AND TIME FOR APPOINTMENT BE RELAYED TO RASPBERRY THROUGH JACOBSEN. CHRISTOPHER

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